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This I Believe reflection

The “This I Believe” project was one of my favorite things we’ve ever done in AP Lit. I enjoyed reading the papers other people wrote and I especially loved writing my own. I liked this assignment so much because it gave me a chance to show my true feelings, no matter how sappy. I also got to see into the minds of my classmates as well as all the people who have contributed to the “This I Believe” website. I had no trouble understanding the prompt, especially given all the examples we had to read. My only problem was choosing one topic to write about. If you recall, I filled the prewriting sheet completely before I finally settled on one subject. I could have written a hundred of these essays because I really love writing to express my beliefs. Assignments like “This I Believe” make this class so much more enjoyable, not that I didn’t love it already. There were a few errors in my paper but I was surprised I didn’t have more. When I’m writing from the heart, I tend to make fewer mistakes. There were several parts of my essay in which I didn’t fully explain my thoughts, but I’ll make sure I focus on supporting my beliefs the next time I write a paper like this. I know I must have sounded like a total hippie talking about Mother Earth and love, but these are the things in which I truly believe. It was really nice to get my feelings off my chest and simultaneously share them with my friends and classmates. I believe that you should definitely include this assignment in the future.